FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

SEPARATE REVENUE—POST OFFICE.

Fort William, the 21st February 1879.

No. 883.—Under the provisions of sections 13 and 63 of the Post Office Act of 1866, the Governor General in Council is pleased to prescribe the following revised rules especting the contents of packets in "open covers" forwarded by inland post from one part of I a to another. The terms "Book Packet" or "Pattern Packet" will be used to designate the packets posted under the revised rules.

PRESENT RULES RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF PACKETS IN OPEN COVERS.

Contents of Packets.

Packets must not contain any communication having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, unless such communication be wholly printed, lithographed or papyrographed. But proof sheets marked as such on the outside under the signature of the sender (even though they bear manuscript corrections) are reckoned as being "wholly printed" within the meaning of this rule; and press manuscripts intended for publication are not reckoned as having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, provided that the packet has on the outside above the address the superscription "Press manuscript," and is addressed to the office of a newspaper.

REVISED RULES RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF BOOK-PACKETS AND PATTERN-PACKETS IN OPEN COVERS.

Contents of Book-packets.

A Book-packet may contain any paper, parchment or cardboard with or without printing or writing; also any legitimate binding, mounting, covering or other ordinary appurtenances of books or maps: provided that there shall be no communication having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, unless such communication be wholly printed, lithographed or papyrographed. Proof sheets marked as such on the outside under the signature of the sender (even though they may bear manuscript corrections) shall be reckoned as being "wholly printed" within the meaning of this rule. Press manuscripts intended for publication shall not be reckoned as having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, provided that the packet has on the outside, above the address, the superscription "Press manuscript" and is addressed to the office of a newspaper.

Contents of Pattern Packets.

A Pattern-packet may contain only *bonâ fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.* There must be no writing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

No change is hereby made in the rules governing the mode of transmission, packing, size or prepayment of articles in open covers, or of the treatment of those not fulfilling the prescribed conditions.

These rules will have effect in respect of articles posted on or after the 1st April 1879.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Notifications by the Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL ORDERS BY HIS GRACE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

No. 160 *of* 1879.—The following list received from the India Office is published :—

No 6, *dated 7th February* 1879.

List of Military Officers of the Madras Establishment permitted to return to duty, grasions of leave, &c. :

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

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Lieutenant-Colonel A. G. D. Logan, Staff Corps.

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List of Papers placed at the disposal of the Press.

No.	No. of Letters.	Date.	Subject.
1	10695—22 ...	17th Feb. 1879 ...	Communicates India letter conveying observations on the Report on Public Instruction in Mysore for 1877—78.
2	3390-93—R. F. 527.	Do do ...	Authorizing the making and setting up of the self-registering rain-gauges at certain stations in the Nundydroog Division.